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**ACTION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 1, 2006**

OPENING CEREMONIES

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Mr. Brewer, Mrs. McIntyre, Mr. Nowatka,
Mr. Sutherland, Mrs. Witkowsky, Mayor Scotto

****ACTION:** Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. with all members present.

2. FLAG SALUTE:

NON SECTARIAN INVOCATION: Captain Ivan Wild, Salvation Army

The Courts have concluded that sectarian prayer as part of City Council meetings is not permitted under the Constitution.

****ACTION:** Flag salute was led by General Services Director Sheryl Ballew.
Captain Ivan Wild, Salvation Army, gave the invocation.

3. MOTION TO ACCEPT AND FILE REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA.

MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING

****ACTION:** Accepted. (Sutherland/Witkowsky); Waived. (Sutherland/Witkowsky)

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

****ACTION:** None.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

****ACTION:** Police Chief Herren announced National Night Out from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at twelve locations in Torrance and invited people to turn on porch lights or join their neighbors in recognizing their own communities.

****ACTION:** Fire Chief Bongard reminded the public that ExxonMobil would be conducting the monthly siren testing on Wednesday, August 2 at approximately 11:30 a.m.

****ACTION:** City Clerk Herbers announced that the vacancy on the Civil Service Commission would be brought to the City Council for appointment on Tuesday, August 15 and that the term would be from the date of appointment to January 15, 2008.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Items 7A through 7F on the Consent Calendar were considered routine and were enacted by one motion and one vote. There was no separate discussion of these items. (Witkowsky/McIntyre)

A. Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council approve the Third Amendment to the fee agreement with the law firm of Rutan & Tucker (C2004-179) to provide legal services in the case of Time Warner v. City of Torrance in the additional amount of \$25,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$119,000.

****ACTION:** Approved. (Witkowsky/McIntyre)

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- B. Recommendation of the City Treasurer that City Council accept and file the monthly investment report for the month of June 2006.

****ACTION:** Accepted and filed. (Witkowski/McIntyre)

- C. Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council authorize a purchase agreement with Custom Embroidery and Screen Printing by Icon, in Torrance, for the purchase of T-shirts, sweatshirts, jackets and collared shirts, for an annual amount not to exceed \$100,943.74.

****ACTION:** Authorized. (Witkowski/McIntyre)

- D. Recommendation of the General Services Director and the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve a sole source purchase order with Rush Truck Center of Pico Rivera, CA in an amount not to exceed \$403,806.23, including sales tax and a five percent (5%) contingency, for conversion of six (6) existing Peterbilt Refuse Truck Cab and Chassis to accommodate newly-installed Automated Side-Loader Truck Bodies; and
- 2) Approve a sole source purchase order with Bodyworks Equipment of Monrovia, CA in an amount not to exceed \$720,642.42, including sales tax, to remove six (6) existing Front-Loader Refuse Collection Truck Bodies and install six (6) new Heil 33YDx DuraPack 7000 Eject Automated Side-Loader Truck Bodies.

****ACTION:** Approved. (Witkowski/McIntyre)

- E. Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council approve the Overall Annual DBE Goal of 2% of Federal Fiscal Year 2006-2007, developed in conformance with revised Title 49 CFR Part 26 provisions; Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Programs and New Policy Race Neutral Directives, for submission to the funding operating administration, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

****ACTION:** Concurred with staff recommendation. (Witkowski/McIntyre)

- F. Recommendation of the Chief of Police that City Council accept, endorse, and appropriate the County of Los Angeles Delinquency Prevention Program contract in the amount of \$29,070.

****ACTION:** Concurred with staff recommendation. (Witkowski/McIntyre)

11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- A. Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council set October 24, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. in the North Torrance High School Library for the first Community Outreach Meeting of the City Council.

SUPPLEMENTAL

****ACTION:** Concurred with staff recommendation. (Witkowski/McIntyre)

- B. Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council authorize the City Manager to execute and the Transit Department to submit the annual claim to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) for \$5,291,526 in Transportation Development Act (TDA) funding and \$637,764 in State Transit

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Assistance (STA) funding for the Torrance Transit System in Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

****ACTION:** Authorized. (McIntyre/Brewer)

C. Recommendation of the Human Resources Director that City Council oppose AB1368 which allows for disability payments for non-employment related medical conditions.

****ACTION:** Concurred with staff recommendation and directed staff to forward a letter of opposition to state legislators. (Witkowski/Brewer)

D. Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council provide direction with respect to the timeframe of the salary resolution and to salary modification for Elected Officials that also serve as department heads.

SUPPLEMENTAL

****ACTION:** Concurred with staff recommendation to set the date with the timeline for department heads. (Sutherland/Witkowski)

E. Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council address the issue of reconsideration of previous action related to a proposed amendment to the Municipal Code relating to the issuance of business licenses. If reconsideration is agreed to, the City Council should address the original item that is attached.

****ACTION:** Approved the reconsideration of previous item on July 25, 2006. (Nowatka/Brewer)

****ACTION:** Concurred with staff recommendation to adopt an ordinance clarifying the existing Municipal Code to insure that business licenses are not issued for the provision of any service, good, or product that is illegal under California or Federal law.

****ACTION:** Adopted **ORDINANCE 3684**. (Nowatka/Witkowski)

AMENDING SECTIONS OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF BUSINESS LICENSES

****ACTION:** Approved an ordinance summary for publication. (Nowatka/Witkowski)

****ACTION:** *Redevelopment Agency met from 9:18 p.m. to 9:19 p.m.*

4A. *Recommendation of Redevelopment Agency Treasurer and Redevelopment Agency Staff that the Redevelopment Agency accept and file the monthly investment reports for the month of June 2006.*

****RDA ACTION:** *Accepted and filed. (McIntyre/Witkowski)*

16. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

****ACTION:** Councilmember Nowatka asked for City Council concurrence to look into increased funding for Torrance Symphony at the 1st Quarter Budget Review. No objection heard.

****ACTION:** Councilmember Nowatka announced a free Torrance Symphony performance at Wilson Park on August 27 at 1:30 p.m.

****ACTION:** Councilmember Nowatka asked for City Council concurrence to waive the fee for the theatre for the City Employee Variety Show benefiting the American Cancer

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Society. No objection heard.

****ACTION:** Councilmember Brewer announced the rededication of Lago Seco Park on August 24 at 10:00 a.m.

****ACTION:** Councilmember Brewer commended the City Clerk for making City Council agenda staff items available online each week.

****ACTION:** Councilmember McIntyre announced that Grease was opening at the Armstrong theater on Saturday and invited the public to attend.

****ACTION:** Mayor Scotto asked staff to prepare an analysis on televising the Planning commission meetings within 90 days.

****ACTION:** Mayor Scotto stated that he had been contacted by Edison to talk about opening cooling centers in the event of heat waves. He asked for staff to bring back information regarding possible locations.

****ACTION:** Leo Lewis, Knolls Lodge, offered thanks to Mayor Scotto for his efforts to decrease their rental rates.

****ACTION:** Residents of Knolls Lodge and Knolls Manor came forward to thank the Mayor as well.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Council Closed Session – None.

Redevelopment Agency Closed Session – None

18. ADJOURNMENT

A. Adjournment of City Council and Redevelopment Agency to Tuesday, August 8, 2006, at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m.

****ACTION:** At 9:36 p.m. City Council and Redevelopment Agency adjourned to Tuesday, August 8, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Sue Herbers
City Clerk

“You have not lived a perfect day, even though you have earned your money, unless you have done something for someone who cannot repay you.” — Ruth Smeltzer

City Hall will be closed:

Friday, August 4

Friday August 18

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Friday, September 1

Labor Day, Monday, September 4